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Appl. 10/029,403

Reply to Office Action of November 3, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 11, 21, 23 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In the Office Action, claims 21, 23 were considered to be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. This has now been done,

Claim 22 is allowed.

Claims 11, 14-16, 19-20 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Hochstein in view of Pederson on the grounds set forth in the Office Action.

Please cancel claims 11, 14-16 and 19-20.

Claims 21 and 23 were not rejected on cited art and were stated to be allowable in point 4 of page 4 of the Office Action upon meeting the formal rejection under 35 USC 112.

For meeting the 35 USC 112 rejection please amend claim 21 by changing on line 11 the word "upon" into "on" as used in line 6, and in line 12 by inserting before "one face" the word "said" to clearly indicate that it is the same previously mentioned one face. This claim 21 should now be allowable.

In claim 23, line 11, please cancel all words after "mounting board" and cancel line 12 and replace these words by adding after "mounting board" the following: --, the part of the printed circuit board, which projects from the side of the mounting board forms a projected part with an end opposite to the mounting board, and a plug connection is on the end of the projected part--. This wording is believed to overcome the confusion and to meet 35 USC 112.

Since only allowed and allowable claims 21, 22 and 23 remain meeting 35 USC 112, this application should now be in condition for allowance.

In the event there are further issues remaining in any respect the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone attorney to reach agreement to expedite issuance of this application.


Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Since the present claims set forth the present invention patentably and distinctly, and are not taught by the cited art

either taken alone or in combination, this amendment is believed to place this case in condition for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the matter, enter this amendment, and to allow all of the claims in this case.

Respectfully submitted,


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